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SUBJECT: GENERAL ASSEMBLY MIDDLE EAST DEBATE

1. THE GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE HAS ISSUED THE FOLLOWING BULLETIN CONTAINING A STATEMENT BY THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REGARDING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS:

BEGIN TEXT: THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS CONCLUDED THE ANNUAL DEBATE ON THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION WITH THE ADOPTION OF TWO RESOLUTIONS SPONSORED BY EGYPT AND SYRIA. THE TWO RESOLUTIONS, AS EXPLAINED ALSO BY THE ARAB SPOKESMEN, ARE OF ONE PIECE, REPRESENTING TWO SIDES OF ONE AND THE SAME COIN. WHAT EMERGES FROM BOTH RESOLUTIONS IS THE FACT THAT THE ARAB COUNTRIES ARE STILL TYING THEIR HOPES TO THE SYSTEM OF DICTATES AND INTIMIDATION. THE EGYPTIAN-SPONSORED RESOLUTION, ALTHOUGH COUCHED IN MORE MODERATE TERMS, ALSO INCLUDES UNACCEPTABLE ELEMENTS SUCH AS THE OMISSION OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338, AND THE ATTEMPT TO SECURE THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PLO IN THE GENEVA CONFERENCE BY THE BACK DOOR.

2. ISRAEL DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THESE HOSTILE RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH ARE NOT BINDING UNDER THE UN CHARTER AND ARE APT TO INCREASE ARAB EXTREMISM WHICH HAMPERS
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PROGRESS TOWARDS PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

3. ISRAEL REMAINS FIRM IN ITS POSITION DEFINED IN THE
RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY ISRAEL ON 6 DECEMBER. THIS RESOLUTION
CALLS FOR THE IMMEDIATE CONVENTION OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE
WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF ISRAEL, EGYPT, SYRIA AND JORDAN IN
ORDER TO CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT PRIOR CONDITIONS,
BASED ON RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338, FOR THE PROMOTION OF PEACE.
END TEXT
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